THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

The Churches of The Assumption and St. Brigid

PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org • **www.stbrigidparish.org**

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

MASS TIMES

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed: 7:00 AM
Sun: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat: 4:00 PM
Sun: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V., *Pastoral Care Ministry*

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry

Kathy Buron, *Safe Environment Coordinator*

Donna Gazaille, *Administrative Assistant*

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Carol Trainque, *RCIA Director*
Liturgical Coordinator

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Holy Matrimony

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

We believe in:

FORMATION OF THE WHOLE CHILD
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
INTEGRITY
TRADITION
HONOR

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Mr. John Hoogasian, PhD
Assumption School
17 Grove St.
Millbury, MA 01527
(508) 865-5404 (voice)
(508) 581-8974 (fax)
john.hoogasian@assumption-cs.org
www.assumption-cs.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., March 19

4:00 PM **Doris (Faron) Gwozdowski**
(90th Birthday Remembrance)
By: Bob and Helen

Sun., March 20

7:00 AM **Mary Shamoian**
By: Anthony Carangelo

9:00 AM **Eleanor Klosek**
By: Her Family & Friends

11:00 AM **Raymond and Joan Julian**
By: The Family

Mon., March 21

9:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury**

Tues., March 22

7:00 AM **Oscar Arrrell & Family**
Joseph Koscusko
Franklin Gillespie and Lucielle St. Martin
By: Lucienne Gillespie

Wed., March 23

7:00 AM **Antoinette Dupre**
By: The Family

Thurs., March 24 (Holy Thursday)

9:00 AM **Michael Fitzgerald** (3rd Anniversary)
By: His Father, Dexter A. Fitzgerald

7:30 PM **John Donnelly**
By: The Family

Sat., March 26 (Easter Vigil)

7:30 PM **The Honorable Herbert F. Travers, Jr.**
By: The Family

Sun., March 27 (Easter Sunday)

7:00 AM **Abby Zeitlan**
By: The Killion Family

9:00 AM **Roger Bourdeau**
By: His Wife, Aline Bourdeau

11:00 AM **Beverly Ojerholm**
By: The Family

(Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Liturgical Ministers

Volunteers Needed for Easter Sunday

Are you an extraordinary minister, a lector or an altar server who will be attending one of our Easter Sunday Masses (7 AM, 9AM or 11AM)? If you would be willing to serve, please contact Donna at 508-865-6624 by Wednesday. Thank you!

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In observance of the Holiest Days of the year, the Parish Offices will be closed from Holy Thursday, (March 24th) through Easter Monday (March 28th). Our regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, March 29th. Feel free to leave us a message on the answering machine and someone from the staff will get back to you as soon as they are able. Thank you and have a blessed Holy Week!

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Scripture Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

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SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK:

St Brigid Candles

In loving memory of
Elaine Roy
As a birthday remembrance
Requested by her husband Chet

In loving memory of
Bertha Guertin
Requested by Bob and Julie Guertin

In loving memory of
Elphege Guertin
Requested by Bob and Julie Guertin

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Jimmy Dixon
Nicole Leonard

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed on a monthly basis.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the souls of Richard E. Tift, Alice Valois Despard and Christopher E. Dalton who have gone home to God. May they rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

In Remembrance:

John & Julia Anger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Arthur G. Boucher
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Susan M. Bozzi
Mr. & Mrs. Armando Bresciano
Frank Cammuso, Jr.
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Benjamin M. Donohue
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Lois M. Fisher
Bernice Gaudere
Raymond Godbout
Daniel Guadagnoli
Derek Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Richard Kroll
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
June Ann Leonard
Lorraine Letendre
Ron & Irene Louis
Ralph & Helen Ludvigson
Marilyn McLeod
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
John P. O'Malley
Janet Parsekian
Anne Rita Pierce
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
William Russell
Pauline Smith
C. Richard Stockhaus
Sandra Lee Stockwell
Margaret E. Stockwell
Joseph F. Stockwell
Edward Tokus
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward

REMEMBRANCE SECTION ...

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact Donna at (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one.

St. Brigid Parish

Income

Weekend of March 5/6, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$5,657.00
Electronic Giving (2/29 - 3/6/2016)	$1,055.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$6,712.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$50.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$356.00
Easter Flowers	$105.00
CSAW Registration	$200.00
Initial Offering	$10.00
Easter	$142.00
Total Other Income	**$863.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$7,575.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$918.00
Debt (Electronic Giving)	$120.00
Specialty Ministries	$84.00
Catholic Free Press	$60.00
Good Friday	$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$40.00

St. Brigid Cash Flow

March 4, 2016 - March 10, 2016

Payroll	$4,119.28
Payroll Taxes *(Includes Employee's Share)*	$1,669.37
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fee)*	$33.99
RC Bishop of Worcester *(403 B Plan)*	$157.48
4-U *(Parish Mission)*	$1,000.00
Children's Liturgy *(Reimbursement)*	$19.99
Millbury Rubbish	$118.80
Ray's True Value	$39.95
Healthcare Reimbursement	$328.60
Total Monies Paid	**$7,487.46**

The Money Counter's Prayer

Blessed are the parishioners who use their numbered envelopes; who write the amount in the correct box; who seal the envelope without Scotch tape and staples. For they make our work easier. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

March 19/20… DEBT

March 26/27 … SPECIALTY MINISTRIES

Assumption Parish

Income

Weekend of March 5/6, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$2,411.00
Electronic Giving (2/29 - 3/6/2016)	$75.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$2,486.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Funeral	$300.00
Easter Offering	$70.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$332.00
Easter Flowers	$70.00
Total Other Income	**$772.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$3,258.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$546.00
Debt (Electronic Giving)	$50.00
Specialty Ministries	$50.00

Assumption Cash Flow

March 4, 2016 - March 10, 2016

Mustard Seed Reimbursement	$23.38
Ray's True Value	$13.99
Sisters of the Assumption	$550.00
Verizon *(Rectory)*	$256.55
Assumption School *(Peter Pan, Jr. Ad)*	$75.00
Total Monies Paid	**$918.92**

CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

All monies collected in the Rice Bowls will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. If you forgot yours this weekend, please return it next week so that one check from each parish can be sent to support our brothers and sisters in need.

Be Merciful Like the Father

Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Today, on Palm Sunday, we hear two distinct Gospels each with its own unique feeling. We know from the school of life that not every day is a day of joy and bliss. There are also gloomy days of suffering, of disappointment and failure. But today, on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion," we are told in no uncertain terms that this experience was also the freely accepted experience of Jesus Himself.

First, we see Him acclaimed in a small triumphal procession. Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst the cheering "Hosannas" of the crowds, but soon they will be shouting for His death. In the second Gospel, we hear how He is led to His death.

There are many characters in the Passion narrative who play a role in bringing about Jesus' death – Judas, the Jewish authorities, Pilate, the Roman soldiers, and the people. It is, perhaps, the people that we can most identify with, We know how fickle their hearts were and how fickle our own hearts can sometimes be. It may be somewhat puzzling to us as to why the crowd was so insistent in shouting for and desirous of Jesus death. Why did they choose Barabbas – a murderer – instead of Jesus – the teacher and healer? Why do we sometimes choose other things suck as -- material things, negative influences, time wasting behaviors – instead of Jesus? "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." We have all, at one time or another, shouted the words of the crowds.

This week when we speak these words in the Gospel, let us acknowledge the truth of these words in our own hearts and then follow the Gospel to become aware of those who responded to Jesus in a way that totally opened their hearts to God's abundant mercy. For example, moving from the words of the fickle, irrational crowds to the honest and genuine criminal hanging on the cross next to Jesus. May we turn all of the fickle and irrational thoughts of our own hearts into the trusting, faith-filled prayer of the "good thief? – "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Then, with the "good thief", may we come to experience once again the incredible and generous mercy of God – "Today you will be with me in paradise."

"The mercies of the Lord are never spent,
they are renewed each morning
so great is His faithfulness."

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY ~ MARCH 20TH
French Toast Sunday

Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAH - 9:00 AM
SVDP Meeting @ CPO - 10:00 AM
Faith Formation - Grades 4 and 5 @ OLAH - 10:00 AM
Faith Formation - Grades 6 and 7 @ OLAH - 5:00 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ MARCH 21ST

AA @ SBH - 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH - 7:30 PM
RCIA/RCIC Rehearsal and Evening of Recollection
@ SBC - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY ~ MARCH 22ND

Chrism Mass @ The Cathedral of St. Paul - 10:30 AM
Bible Study @ SBH - 11:00 AM
Holy Hour @ SBC - 6:00 PM
Bible Study @ SBH - 7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal @ OLAC - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 23RD

SVDP Easter Basket Pick-Ups @ SBH - 3:00-4:00 PM
Living Stations @ SBC - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY - MARCH 24TH

Holy Thursday Altar Server Rehearsal @ SBC - 6:30 PM
Passion of the Lord @ SBC - 7:30 PM

FRIDAY - MARCH 25TH

Stations of the Cross @ SBC - 12 Noon
Good Friday Altar Server Rehearsal @ OLAC - 6:30 PM
Good Friday Service @ OLAC - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY - MARCH 26TH

Easter Vigil Altar Server and Lector Rehearsal
@ SBC - 9:00 AM
Easter Vigil @ SBC - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY ~ MARCH 27TH

Easter Masses @ 7 AM (SB), 9 AM (OLA) and 11 AM (SB)
Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAH - 9:00 AM
Easter Egg Hunt @ OLA - 10:00 AM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

OLAC=Assumption Church	SBC=St. Brigid Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall	SBH=St. Brigid Hall
OLAS= Assumption School	CPO=Catholic Parish Offices

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Registration packets were sent home before winter break. Please return the completed Registration Agreement accompanied by the appropriate registration fee(s) ASAP. We would suggest that if applying for financial aid, you do so by March 15th, as this information needs to be verified by April 4th.

The Assumption School Super Cash Raffle was kicked off this past weekend at the Black & White Tasting Night. This raffle will replace the calendar raffle that was to be done this spring.

Assumption's Black & White Tasting Night, hosted by the PTG to benefit the Assumption Angel Scholarship Fund and Assumption School, was a fun evening for all. Thank you to the wonderful committee that worked so hard to make this event a great success!

Drama Club is looking for a volunteer to video the production of Peter Pan Jr. The volunteer would need to provide the equipment as well as be available to attend Friday night's rehearsal (April 8th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm) and Saturday's production (5:00 pm to the end). If you are available or know of anyone who can volunteer their time, please contact Mrs. Gentile.

Reminder to Drama Club Parents: We need parents to drive students from Assumption to Holy Name during Tech Week (April 4-8). Please contact Ms. Lyon or Mrs. Gentile if you can help.

Reminders:

There is **no school on Good Friday, March 25th, and Easter Monday, March 28th**. Also, on **Friday May 6th, there will be no school for students.** The teachers will be having a Religious Enrichment Day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

3/21	No All School Mass
3/24	All School Mass - 9:00 AM
3/25-3/28	Easter Break

Monday, March 21
Mass at 9:00 AM (OLAC)
RCIA /RCIC Evening of Recollection
at 6:00 PM (SBC)
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Tuesday, March 22
Mass at 7:00 AM (OLAC)
Mass of Holy Chrism at 10:30 AM
at the Cathedral of St. Paul
Bible Study at 11:00 AM (SBH)
Holy Hour/Confessions at 6:00 PM (SBC)
Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM (OLAC)
Bible Study at 7:00 PM (SBH)
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Wednesday, March 23
Mass at 7:00 AM (OLAC)
Living Stations at 7:30 PM (SBC)
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Thursday, March 24
Mass at 9:00 AM (OLAC)
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper (SBC)
at 7:30 PM
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Friday, March 25
Good Friday
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon (SBC)
The Passion of the Lord at 7:30 PM (OLAC)
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Saturday, March 26
Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM (SBC)
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Sunday, March 27
Easter Sunday
Mass at 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM(SBC)
Mass at 9:00 AM (OLAC)
Children's Liturgy of the Word
at 9:00 AM (OLAH)
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM (OLAH)

Please join us for French Toast Sunday in St. Brigid Church hall, **this weekend**, after the 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM Masses. Bring your appetites!

YOUTH & FAMILY FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

FOLLOW US ON:
www.facebook.com/sbcyc
or
@ MillburyCYC

YOUTH CENTER THIS WEEK

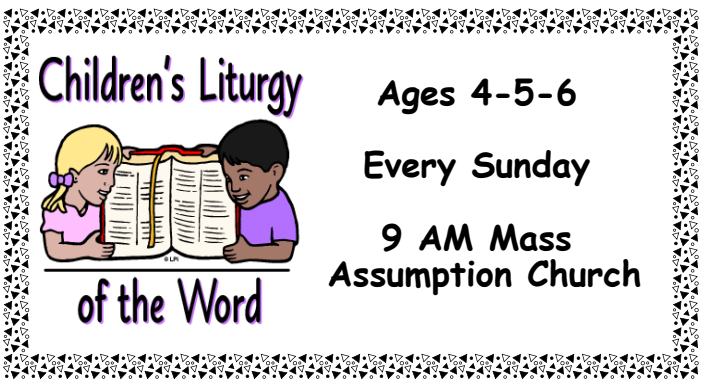
Grades 7-12 Welcome

Sunday, March 20th
CLOSED

Thursday, March 24th
Youth Center Opens at 6:30PM
Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30PM

The Living Stations
Mary's Way of the Cross

Wednesday, March 23rd
7:30 PM in St. Brigid Church



Ages 4-5-6

Every Sunday

9 AM Mass
Assumption Church

Family Faith Formation Sessions For March & April

Grade 2	April 3 & 24 10:00 AM First Eucharist Retreat April 9 12:30-5:00 PM St. Brigid Hall & Church
Grade 3	April 10 & 24 10:00 AM
Grade 4	March 20 10:00 AM
Grade 5	March 20 10:00 AM
Grades 6 and 7	March 20 & April 10 5:00 PM
Grades 8 and 9	April 3 5:00 PM

Space STILL Available!!

CSAW 2016

JULY 25-29

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
GRADES 8-12
$120 DEPOSIT
CONTACT GREG BERNARD

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly REFLECTIONS

Dear parishioners and followers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury,

Much has transpired in our conference since November 1st, our Vincentian members have been working diligently serving those in need in our community as well as building a stronger, efficient conference.

Two new members have joined our ministry, and many hours have been expended by our members from November 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016, six hundred thirty three hours have been provided to our many services offered.

Sixty two Thanksgiving food baskets ...turkeys with all the fixings … were distributed to needy families.

From our Coat Drive, thirty five coats were distributed to families as well as fifty coats that were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.

Christmas gift bags were delivered to 15 families (30 children) . In addition, one special family request was addressed for two children who would not have had a Christmas.

Sixty nine families are presently registered as food drive recipients.

Six families were helped with heating fuel , rent and utilities.

Two hundred food baskets have been distributed through the months of November, December, January and February.

Seventy new blankets were distributed to families to keep them warm this winter.

Plans are being formulated for our spring clothing drive and we are sure to surpass the two plus trailers filled at the fall drive of 2015. Dates will be announced soon.

We will now be making home visitations to address needs/issues brought to our attention. We currently have three visitation teams available.

We will be offering workshops for those interested in employment changes, betterment or career change opportunities, as well as confidence building. These dates will be announced.

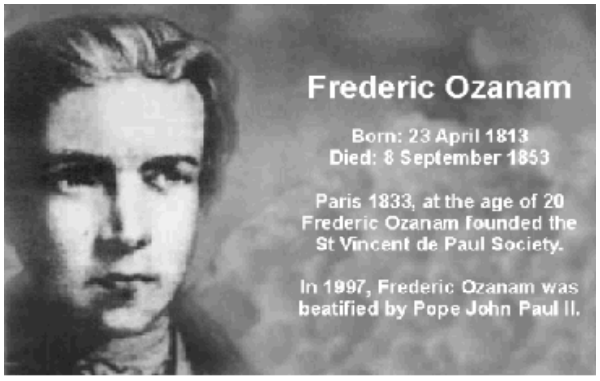
The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting the annual St. Vincent de Paul, Central Council's annual Top Hat Award, on Ozanam Sunday, April 24th at the 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption following with the awards and brunch for conference members at St. Brigid Hall. Many Vincentians from other conferences throughout the Worcester Diocese will be attending. The Top Hat Award is given to Vincentians that give of themselves exemplary service to those in need.

We are also working with the Central Council on a new pilot program which will be the first in the Worcester Diocese. Details will be released in the future.

Special Thank You to all of you for your generosity in supporting this worthy ministry with food, monetary donations and especially your prayers, for without your support we could not continue to offer the help and services to those in need in our community.

"It's not how much we give , but how much love we put into giving."

God bless,
Leonard Mort, President
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Parishes of Millbury


Frederic Ozanam
Born: 23 April 1813
Died: 8 September 1853
Paris 1833, at the age of 20 Frederic Ozanam founded the St Vincent de Paul Society.
In 1997, Frederic Ozanam was beatified by Pope John Paul II.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM -
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

The pantry is in desperate need of the following:

Canned Pineapple, Crackers, Baked Beans,
Coffee, Tea, Canned Chicken, Snacks

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508)752-4232

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator,
Office for Healing and Prevention,
(508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY...

PALM SUNDAY
LIKE JESUS, GREAT LEADERS ARE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD DURING THEIR LIFETIMES.
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TRY THAT LINE WITH MY BOSS.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate program for the Diocese of Worcester. If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you.

Saturday, April 2, 2016
Our Lady of Mount Carmel/St. Ann Parish Center
28 Mulberry Street, Worcester
9:00 AM

Diaconate Office 508-929-4335 worcesterdiocese.org

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING ON CHARTER TV?

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston's Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are we also like Peter and deny Christ over and over? Christ calls us to be all we can in our Marriage Sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on April 1-3 or June 10-12. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at www.wwme.org, or at https://www.facebook.com/Wwmema

PARISH AND LOCAL AREA NEWS

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER

Trips

Lake Winnipesaukee Cruise

Cruise beautiful Lake Winnipesaukee
Aboard the M/S Mount Washington
on Thursday, May 26th at 9A.M
Trip Includes a Lunch Buffet and Transportation
Cost $56 per person
Call or stop by the Millbury Senior Center to make Reservations Now! (508) 865-9154

Foxwoods Trips

Monday, April 4th and Monday, May 2nd
The bus leaves the Millbury Senior Center at 8 AM and returns at 4:45 PM
Cost is $24.00. Call or stop by the Senior Center to reserve your seat! 508-865-9247

"SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES"

Monday's Game Day at 1PM
Meet friends for Cribbage, Scrabble, Chinese Checkers and Wii Bowling! Have Lunch ahead of time at 12:00 noon to make it a fun filled day!

Wednesday's Bingo afternoons at 1PM and Evenings 6 - 8 PM

Thursday's we have
Adult Rainbow Coloring Classes 10 - 11:30 AM and **Whist** at 12:45 PM

ELDERLY AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van. For information call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday March 26	Jan Hanratty
Saturday, April 2	Michelle Desorcy

If you know of a parishioner - who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Diocese of Worcester
49 Elm Street
Worcester, MA

March 17, 2016

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The news about the Middle East continues to be bleak for Christians being persecuted for their faith. Each year during Holy Week we are challenged by the Scriptures to see the light of hope amidst darkness and despair. How have we responded as disciples of Christ to follow in his footsteps? Holy Week is about finding hope from despair and, as St. Francis prayed, "that we may be instruments of peace."

Christians living in the Holy Land struggle to live their faith and to be stewards of the sacred places as Christians arrive in pilgrimage day after day. Catholics worldwide are invited each year by the Holy Father to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by making a donation to the **Good Friday Collection**. Keeping Christianity alive in the Holy Land is the urgent goal of the Church. In fact, the call to support the community in the Holy Land dates back to the days of St. Paul when he called upon various communities to support their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem.

Thanks to last year's collection, some of the signs of hope included supporting 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, and helping to keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students; 80 homes were rebuilt for Christian families; 1,500 jobs were created for Christians in the Holy Land and 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets were preserved for pilgrims.

Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. A picture is certainly worth a thousand words so I invite you to visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to you response to this pontifical collection.

Pray for peace during this Holy Season so that we may preserve the past and offer hope for the future.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
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